

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the final office action dated September 10, 2009. This response is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time and the associated fee. Accordingly, please consider this response as timely filed.

In this response, the applicant has not added any claims. Accordingly, no claim fees are applicable.

In the Office action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 and 8 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US5,902,004 (Waltz et al). The Examiner indicated that the applicant's arguments were not persuasive because they were more limiting than the claims. The Examiner stated further that the applicant is correct in the arguments but for the use of the phraseology 'for' and 'can be' in the claims, which the Examiner indicated fail to positively recite the claimed invention. Thus, the Examiner indicated that the claims would be patentable over Waltz et al if the claim limitations were positively recited. The applicant has amended claim 1 to positively recite all the limitations contained therein. The applicant submits that this amendment to claim addresses the Examiner's concern, and that claim 1 is thus patentable over the cited art.

The applicant submits that claims 2-9 are patentable at least by way of their dependency on claim 1.

The applicant has made amendments to several of the claims to remove the terms 'it' and 'itself'.

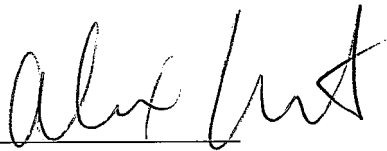
The applicant submits that the amendment to claim 1 does not necessitate the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, as it is made in accordance with the remarks made by the Examiner in the office action so as to put the application in condition for

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allowance. However, this response is nonetheless accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination.

The applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully,



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